

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) Method for manufacturing a touch sensitive navigational surface for a communication device of the type having a cover for carrying the appropriate circuitry to carry out the intended functions of the communication device wherein the cover includes an outer wall surface portion for carrying a user interface, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an electromechanical dielectric (EMD) film for activating a corresponding desired user interface operational function to be carried out by the communication device;

providing injection molding apparatus having one or more component molds to carry out an injection molding process for molding the cover;

molding the cover using a suitable injection molding process;

locating and placing the EMD film in an orientation and position in the mold on the outer surface portion of the molded cover such that the EMD film outer surface and the outer wall surface of the molded cover are co-extensive with one another, and

molding the outer wall surface portion of the molded cover and the EMD film outer surface with a thin flexible protective polymer layer thereby forming and defining an integral unit.

21. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 wherein placement of the EMD film corresponds to the associated user interface operational function location on the communication device

22. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 further including the step of molding the cover with a continuous support surface for the EMD film.

23. (New) The method as defined in claim 22 whereby the EMD film is responsive to a touching contact force made by a user on the surface of the flexible protective polymer layer in the region covering the EMD film.

24. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 further including the step of molding the cover such that only a portion of the EMD film is located on a support surface and a portion is located on an unsupported surface whereby the unsupported portion of the EMD film is free to move with unobstructed motion.

25. (New) The method as defined in claim 20 further including the step of providing a display screen between the EMD film and the flexible protective polymer layer.

26. (New) A communication device having a touch sensitive navigational surface, the communication device having cover for carrying the appropriate electronic circuitry to carry out the intended functions of the communication device, said cover having an outer wall surface portion for carrying a user interface, said device comprising:

an electromechanical dielectric (EMD) film electrically connected to the appropriate electronic circuitry for activating a corresponding desired user interface operational function to be carried out by the communication device;

said cover being an injection molded cover;

said EMD film being oriented and positioned on the outer wall surface portion of the cover for injection molding with the cover whereby the EMD film is coextensive with at least a portion of the outer wall surface of the cover, and

a thin flexible polymer layer molded over the outer wall surface of the cover and the EMD film thereby forming and defining an integral unit.

27. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 26 wherein said injection molded cover is molded with a continuous support surface for said EMD film.

28. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 27 wherein the location and placement of said EMD film on said outer surface of said cover corresponds to the associated user interface operational function location on said communication device.

29. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 28 wherein said EMD film functions as a keypad.

30. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 26 further comprising a display screen located between said flexible polymer layer and said EMD film thereby forming and defining a further integral unit.

31. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 30 wherein said injection molded cover is molded with a continuous support surface for said EMD film in the region of said display screen whereby the EMD film is responsive to a touching contact force made by a user on the surface of said thin flexible polymer layer in the region over said display screen.

32. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 26 wherein said injection molded cover is molded such that only a portion of said EMD film is located on a support surface and a portion is located over an unsupported surface whereby said unsupported portion of said EMD film is free to move with unobstructed motion.

33. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 32 wherein said EMD film functions as a speaker.

34. (New) The communication device as defined in claim 32 wherein said EMD film functions as a microphone.

35. (New) A touch sensitive navigational surface for a communication device of the type have a cover for carrying the appropriate electronic circuitry to carry out the intended functions of the communication device, said cover having an outer wall surface portion, said touch sensitive navigational surface comprising:

an electromechanical dielectric (EMD) film oriented and positioned on the outer wall surface portion of the cover for injection molding with the cover, said EMD film forming a part of and being co-extensive with at least a portion of the outer wall surface defining an injection molded cover;

a thin flexible polymer layer molded over the outer wall surface and said EMD film defining said injection molded cover thereby forming and defining an integral units, and said EMD film being electrically connected to the appropriate electronic circuitry for activating a corresponding function of the communication device in response to a touching contact made by a user along the surface of said flexible polymer layer in the region covering said EMD film.

36. (New) The touch sensitive navigational surface as defined in claim 35 wherein said EMD film functions as a keypad.

37. (New) The touch sensitive navigational surface as defined in claim 35 wherein said EMD film functions as an actuator.

38. (New) The touch sensitive navigational surface as defined in claim 35 wherein said EMD film functions as a user interface with the communication device.

39. (New) Method for manufacturing a communication device having a touch sensitive navigational surface, the communication device having a cover for carrying appropriate circuitry to carry out the intended functions of the communication device, said cover having an outer wall surface portion, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing an electromechanical dielectric (EMD) film;
- orienting and positioning the EMD film in a mold for the cover;
- injection molding the cover and the EMD film such that the EMD film outer surface and the outer wall surface portion of the molded cover are co-extensive with one another, and
- molding a thin flexible polymer layer over the injection molded EMD film and outer wall surface portion thereby forming and defining an integral unit.

40. (New) The method as defined in claim 39 wherein the step of orienting and positioning the EMD film includes orienting and positioning the EMD film in a location corresponding to the associated intended function location on the communication device.

41. (New) The method as defined in claim 39 further including the step of molding the cover such that only a portion of the EMD film is located on a support surface and a portion is located on an unsupported surface whereby the unsupported portion of the EMD film is free to move with unobstructed motion wherein the EMD film functions as a microphone.
42. (New) The method as defined in claim 39 further including the step of molding the cover such that only a portion of the EMD film is located on a support surface and a portion is located on an unsupported surface whereby the unsupported portion of the EMD film is free to move with unobstructed motion wherein the EMD film functions as a speaker.
43. (New) The method as defined in claim 39 further including the step of providing a display screen between the EMD film and the thin flexible polymer layer.